Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended)   A system for protecting the integrity of subscribers when positioning a mobile terminal via a location based service client in relation to said location based service client

a node adapted to:

receive a request for an alias identity from an entity initiating a positioning request for a subscriber associated with said mobile terminal to be positioned,

assign an alias identity for said entity and ~~and/or~~ for said subscriber,

store said alias identity for said entity and ~~and/or~~ said subscriber in association with an identity of said entity and said subscriber, respectively,

receive a positioning request from said location based service client for said subscriber, said request including said alias identity for said subscriber,

look up a ~~the~~ subscriber number matching said alias identity for said subscriber,

perform a positioning request for said mobile terminal in an associated network, and

send a response including location information received from said network and said alias identity to said location based service client.

2.   (Currently Amended)   The system according to claim 1, further comprising

a service control point adapted to:

receive a request for an alias identity for said entity and ~~and/or~~ said subscriber from a mobile switching centre,

forward said request for an alias identity to said node to retrieve said alias identity for said entity and said subscriber, and

send a response including said alias identity for said entity and said subscriber to said mobile switching center.

3.   (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 2, wherein said mobile switching centre is adapted to forward the positioning request from said entity with said alias identity for said entity and said subscriber to said location based service client.

4.   (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 3, wherein said positioning request from said entity is an SMS message and that said mobile switching centre is adapted to forward said positioning request from said entity to said location based service client via an SMS-Centre.

5.   (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 3, wherein said positioning request from said entity is a voice call and that said mobile switching centre is adapted to forward said positioning request from said entity to said location based service client via a call centre or IVR.

6.   (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 1 wherein said entity is a subscriber.

7.   (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 1 wherein said alias identity is a E.164 number.

8.   (Currently Amended)   A method for protecting the integrity of subscribers when positioning a mobile terminal via a location based service client in relation to said location based service client, in a communications system, comprising the steps of:

assigning an alias identity for an entity initiating a positioning request and or for a subscriber associated with said mobile terminal to be positioned,

storing said alias identity for said entity and ~~or~~ for said subscriber in association with a subscriber number of said entity and said subscriber respectively,

receiving a positioning request from said location based service client for said subscriber said request including said alias identity for said subscriber,

looking up the number matching said alias identity for said subscriber,

performing a positioning request for said mobile terminal in an associated network, and

sending a response including location information received from said network and said alias identity to said location based service client.

9.   (Previously Presented)   The method according to claim 8, further comprising the steps of:

at a service control point, receiving a request for an alias identity for said entity and said subscriber from a mobile switching centre,

forwarding said request for an alias identity to said gateway mobile location centre to retrieve said alias identity for said entity and said subscriber, and

sending a response including said alias identity for said entity and said subscriber to said mobile switching centre.

10.   (Previously Presented)   The method according to claim 9, further comprising the step of:

from said mobile switching centre, forwarding the positioning request from said entity with said alias identity for said entity and said subscriber to said location based service client.

11.   (Previously Presented)   The method according to claim 10, wherein said positioning request from said entity is an SMS message and that said positioning request from said entity is forwarded to said location based service client via a an SMS-Centre.

12.   (Previously Presented)   The method according to claim 10, wherein said positioning request from said entity is a voice call and that said positioning request from said entity is forwarded to said location based service client via a call centre or IVR.

13.   (Previously Presented)   The method according to claim 8 wherein said entity is a subscriber.

14.   (Previously Presented)   The method according to claim 8 wherein said alias identity is a E. 164 number.

15 -17.   (Canceled)